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**A Funeral Service for
An Unknown Soldier of the Argyll and Sutherland
Highlanders,
Killed in Action during the Great War**

**1400 hours Wednesday 28 March 2018
Woburn Abbey Cemetery, Quinchy**

**Service lead by Reverend Paul van Sittert CF,
Chaplain, The Highlanders (4 SCOTS)**
*Déroulement de la Cérémonie présidé par le Révérend Paul
van Sittert*

The remains of this unknown British soldier of the Great War were discovered by a farmer in Cuinchy. A cap badge found with the remains indicates that this was a soldier of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Given the location of where the remains were found it is a possibility that this soldier was killed during the Battle of Loos in September 1915. However there are unfortunately still too many soldiers of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders missing from that battle to identify this soldier. He will therefore be buried today as an unknown soldier of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Les restes de ce soldat Britannique de la Grande Guerre ont été découverts par un fermier à Cuinchy. Un insigne de casquette qui a été trouvé avec les restes dénotent qu'il était un soldat d'Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Étant donné le lieu où les restes ont été trouvés, il y a une possibilité que ce soldat était tué en Septembre 1915 au cours de la Bataille de Loos. Cependant il y avait un trop grand nombre des soldats d'Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders qui ont été tués pendant cette époque et qui manquent encore pour tenter d'identifier cet homme. Il sera donc inhumé comme un soldat inconnu d'Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Call to Worship

Appel à Adoration

Psalm 105: 3 – 4 (OSB)

Exult in his hallowed name;
let those who seek the Lord be joyful in heart.
Look to the Lord and be strong;
at all times seek his presence.

Bidding Prayer

Prière

Gracious God,
we worship you. By ourselves, we could not know you;
no human wisdom can discover you, no argument lead to you,
no enterprise reveal you; in the wealth of its knowledge
the world fails to find you. But you came to search for us
in the frailty of a human life; you trusted yourself to the fragile
faith of wavering disciples.

We praise you that in our very weakness
we can know you;
that stumbling blocks become stepping stones,
and the foolishness of the cross
the very truth that quickens us to life.

Gracious God, your wisdom unsettles our values
and compels our love.

Fill us with the desire to search for your truth,
that being content to be fools for Christ's sake,
we may transform the world.

Amen.

Scripture Reading

Lecture des Écritures Saintes

Colonel Christopher Borneman,
Military Attaché British Embassy Paris

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 (NIV)

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity
under the heavens:

a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time
to uproot,

a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time
to build,

a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time
to dance,

a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to
embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,

a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a
time to throw away,

a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a
time to speak,

a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for
peace.

Scripture Reading

Lecture des Écritures Saintes

Lieutenant Colonel Kieron Potts,
Regimental Secretary, Royal Regiment of Scotland

2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (NIV)

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling,

because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.

For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord.

For we live by faith, not by sight.

We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Address

Allocution

Committal

Enterrement

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great goodness.
As a father is tender towards his children,
so is the Lord tender to those that fear him.
For he knows of what we are made;
he remembers that we are but dust.

We have entrusted our brother,
his name unknown as soldier of the Argyll and Sutherland
Highlanders, to God's merciful keeping.
We now commit his body to the ground,
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust,
in the sure and certain hope
of the resurrection to eternal life,
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who died, was buried,
and rose again for us,
and is alive and reigns for evermore.
Amen.

The Collect of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders

Récitation du Régiment

Captain Zachary Smyth, 5 SCOTS

O Lord of all good life grant now and at all times thy blessing
upon the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in which we are
called upon to serve under thy servant our Sovereign Lady
Queen Elizabeth; enable us, while loving our own country best,
to enter into the fellowship of the whole human family, and give
us now and ever the gift of courage to seek after a just and
merciful peace.

Amen.

The Exhortation

L'Exhortation

Sergeant Fraser Pairman, 5 SCOTS

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.

We will remember them.

The Last Post

Sonnerie aux Morts

Silence

Reveille

Kohima Epitah

L'Épitaphe de Kohima

When you go home tell them of us and say:
'For your tomorrow, we gave our today.'

Laying of Wreaths

Dépôts des Gerbes

Prayers

Prières

God of love,
your Son gave us a new commandment,
that we should love one another,
even as you love us,
the unworthy and the wandering.
Give us a mind forgetful of past ill-will
and a heart to love one another;
through the same Jesus Christ,
your Son, our Saviour.
Amen.

Guide us, O Lord,
in all the changes of life,
that we may neither complain in adversity
nor boast in prosperity;
but with faith, hope, and love,
may follow your divine will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Prière du Seigneur

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory
Forever. Amen.**

The Dismissal

Séparation et Dernière Bénédiction

God grant to the living grace, the departed rest, to our brothers and sisters here, and all the world peace and concord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.